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Cromwell Advertisements

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

FAMILY GROCERS,

WINE, SPIRIT, AND GENERAL MERCHANTS

We desire to intimate that in order to meet the growing exigencies of our business, we have lately built substantial stone additions to our former premises.
At the urgent request of our numerous customers, we have added to our other branches of business, that of

DRAPERY, CROCKERY, & IRONMONGERY.

We would further notify that, having engaged a Buyer in connection with our business to select special lines consigned from the Home and Melbourne markets, we will in future be in a position to offer such superior advantages to our customers as will not fail to ensure a continuance of their liberal patronage, and, more especially, will command the attention and confidence of the Trade, Retailers, and Large Buyers.

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.

Our GROCERY STOCK comprises:

Teas, of excellent flavour, in chests, half-chests, and boxes
Coffee, from the pure bean, ground on the premises
Cocoa, Chocolate, of the best brands
Sugars: crystals of every shade, and crushed loaf
Bacon, Cheese, Butter: weekly supplies from the best dairies
Jams, Jellies, and Pickles

Candles: best brands
Soap: treble crown, blue mottled, household, scented in bars, cakes, and boxes
Vestras, by approved makers
Salt: table, fine, and coarse
Raisins: Muscatels, Sultanas, and Elmes
Oils: salad, castor, and kerosene
Sauces: Lea and Perrins, Mushroom, Nabob, and assorted

TOBACCOES.

Imperial, Aromatic, cable-twist—superior
Cameron's celebrated brands—Havelock, Golden Bar, Venus tens
Barrett's Twist, in quarter-tierces and boxes.

Water Lily, Over the Water, navy sizes
Cut Tobaccos, in pound, half-pound, and quarter-pound tins, and in bulk.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Brandy: Hennessy's, Associated Vineyard, Martell's, in bulk and case
Whiskies: Old Glenary, Islay, Long John's, in bulk and case
Rum: Lemon Hart's
Port: Fine old Orléans, six grape
Sherry: Gonzola, six diamond
Gin: J. & K. Geneva, Nectar, and Kammell
Old Tom: Burnett's, Bernard's
Claret: St. Julien's

Moselle: No. 2
Hock: Gold Leaf
Ginger Wine, in bulk and case
Ales: Tennent's, Younger's, and Colonial
Porter: Blood's, Byass's, Guinness's, and Colonial
Cordials: assorted
Sarsaparilla: Singleton's, Townsend's
Bitters: Selner's, Stoughton's

IRONMONGERY STOCK consists of

Blasting powder and fuse
Gunpowder, caps, and shot
Long and short handled shovels
Spades, sluice forks
Picks and pickhandles
Gold dishes, hose-pipes
Drills and drilling hammers
Manilla and flax ropes
White lead, castor, boiled, and colza oils
Galvanised and corrugated iron
Stoves and piping

Billies and pannikins
Tea-kettles, iron and tin
Galvanised iron buckets and tubs
Iron boilers
Enamelled and tinned stew and saucepans
Axes and axe-handles
Nails, cut and wrought
Tacks, clout and American cut
Garden rakes, hoes, and spades
Cutlery, a large assortment
Carpenters' tools of every description.

CANVAS, SADDLERY, AND BRUSHWARE.

HOLT'S SEWING MACHINES: CABINET AND HAND.

DRAPERY & CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Suits: silk-mixture, Galatea, Paget, sac
Boys' do.
Trousers and Vests: Mosgiel, silk-mixed, tweed, doeskin
Shirts: white dress, crimsans, scotch twill, tweed
Pants and undershirts, in flannel, lamb's-wool, merino, and cotton
Hosiery and hats

Dress materials: wineys, French merinos, all-wool plaids, prints
Flannels; Calicos, bleached and unbleached
Blankets, rugs, quilts
Table-covers, bed and toilet-covers.
Cocoas and felt matting
Hessian, bed-ticking, carpets
Top, waterproof, and tweed coats; etc., etc.

BOOTS & SHOES.

Boots: men's elastic-sided, watertights, half-Wellingtons; Hayward and North British Gum Boots
Women's and children's Boots, Shoes, and Slippers, in calf, kid, and cashmere.
N.B.—All goods in this department are marked at low prices.

CROCKERYWARE.

Breakfast, dinner, and bedroom sets complete
Lamps: parlour, hanging, bracket

China, glass, and earthenware goods of every description

FILTERS, VASES, AND LUSTRES.

FANCY GOODS.

Electro-plated Britannia-metal tea and coffee pots; meerschaum and briar pipes—a choice selection; patent medicines; stationery; perfumery.

COLONIAL PRODUCE: Wheat, Oats, Chaff, Pollard, and Potatoes.

D. A. J. & Co. have been appointed sole agents for the sale of Butel Bros.' superior silk-dressed flour, bran, and pollard; and are prepared to promptly execute all orders within a radius of sixty miles.—FLOUR GUARANTEED. TERMS LIBERAL.

SHAMROCK STORE,
CROMWELL.

WILLIAM SHANLY,

FAMILY GROCER,

GENERAL STOREKEEPER,

is carrying on business at the old-established premises, next to the Bank of New South Wales, Melmore-street.

*The BEST QUALITY of GOODS only
is kept in stock.*

All orders will meet with prompt attention

STARKEY'S

KAWARAU HOTEL,
CROMWELL.

Having purchased the above well-known hotel, G. M. STARKEY begs to inform his numerous friends, and the public generally, that it will be his study to maintain the high reputation the KAWARAU HOTEL has long since acquired for comfort.

One of Alcock's prize Billiard Tables (quite new.)

Wines and Spirits of the very best quality.

An efficient Groom always in attendance.

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I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.,

CROMWELL, QUEENSTOWN, LAWRENCE,

DUNEDIN, and MELBOURNE,

ARE DIRECT IMPORTERS OF

DRAPERY; BOOTS AND SHOES; GROCERIES; WINES, SPIRITS, AND PRO-

VISIONS; IRONMONGERY; CROCKERY; BUILDING-MATERIALS OF

ALL DESCRIPTIONS; PAPERHANGINGS, OILS, & PAINTS;

GRINDERY; FURNITURE AND BEDDING; SAD-

DLERY; AND PATENT MEDICINES.

A supply of WHEAT, OATS, BRAN, & POLLARD always on hand.

Being the only authorised agents for

ROBERTSON & HALLENSTEIN'S BRUNSWICK FLOUR MILLS.

LAKE WAKATIPU,

We are prepared to supply their best Silk-dressed Flour, guaranteed equal to Adelaide.

Having opened a branch establishment in Dunedin, solely for the manufacture of

MENS' CLOTHING,

We are in a position to offer to the public a SUPERIOR CLASS OF GOODS AT REDUCED PRICES.

We therefore respectfully solicit a continuance of the patronage hitherto bestowed, and our customers may rest assured that all orders entrusted to our care will be promptly executed.

I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.

CROMWELL TIMBER & IRON YARD,
LATE MR GRANT'S
NEW ZEALAND & AMERICAN TIMBER YARD.

JAMES TAYLOR,

Carpenter and Builder, Ironmonger,



Has FOR SALE all kinds of Building Material suitable for the district.

Estimates given for Buildings at the Lowest PRICES compatible with Good Material and Workmanship.

Punctuality and attention to all orders may be relied on.

A Large Assortment of Paperhangings, Paints, Glass, FURNITURE—comprising Chairs, Tables, Washstands, Iron Bedsteads, &c.
Building Ironmongery, Carpenters' and Miners' Tools, Hemp, Wire, and Manilla Rope, SADDLERY, &c., cheap.

VICTORIA JUNCTION HOTEL,
CROMWELL.

JAMES STUART,

(Late of the Ferry Hotel, Bannockburn.)
Begs to intimate to his friends and the public that he has purchased the above Hotel, where he hopes, by strict attention to business, and by keeping the best Wines and Spirits, to merit a share of public patronage.

A first-class table kept, and superior stone stabling in course of erection.

N.B.—The nearest Hotel to the Courthouse.

JOHN MARSH

"VALUE FOR MONEY."

BRIDGE HOTEL,
CROMWELL.

JOHN W. THOMPSON,
FARRIER AND BLACKSMITH.

J. W. THOMPSON desires to announce to the inhabitants of Cromwell and the District that he has purchased the business lately carried on by Mr JAMES SLOAN as Farrier and Blacksmith. His long practical experience in all branches of the business, combined with moderate charges, will, he trusts, secure him a fair share of public patronage.

THOMPSON'S
VETERINARY AND SHOEING FORGE,
CROMWELL.

THOMAS FOOTE,
TAILOR AND CLOTHIER,
MELMORE TERRACE,
CROMWELL.

Ladies' Riding Habits made to order.

CHARLES COLCLOUGH,
SHAREBROKER, COMMISSION
AGENT,
ARBITRATOR, AND ACCOUNTANT
CROMWELL.

Having arranged to devote my time exclusively to these occupations, business entrusted to my care will receive every attention.

Agent for the New Zealand Fire Insurance Company.

K. PRETSCH,
CROMWELL,
COACH AND GENERAL PAINTER,
PAPERHANGER, &c.,

Has always on hand a fine selection of Paperhangings, Paints, Glass, and Mouldings of every description, at low prices.

Contracts undertaken for General Painting, Paperhanging, Decoration, and Sign Writing.

Cromwell

NOTICE.

COALS! COALS!! COALS!!!

The Cromwell Coal Works will in future be carried on by WILLIAMS & HAYES, who have much pleasure in calling the attention of the inhabitants of the Cromwell District to their New Seam of Coal, which is far superior to any hitherto obtained in the same works, or in any other portion of the District. They therefore respectfully solicit a continuance of the patronage heretofore bestowed, with the conviction that that patronage will be deserved.

All orders entrusted to us will be attended to at once, and on the shortest notice, as we intend to keep a good supply of coals at the pit-mouth. Coals delivered anywhere, either in or out of the district; and lowest cartage prices charged.

20s. per ton at the Works.

32s. „ delivered.

16 bags to the ton.

WILLIAMS & HAYES,
Coal Works, Cromwell.

BELFAST STORE,
CLYDE AND CROMWELL.

WINES, SPIRITS, GROCERIES, HARD-WARE, COLONIAL PRODUCE,
&c. &c. &c.

JAMES HAZLETT

Begs to inform the Public of the Dunstan District that, in connection with his established business of ten years at Clyde, he has opened EXTENSIVE PREMISES AT CROMWELL, where he will be able to supply the Trade, Run-holders, Farmers, and Private Families, with EVERY CLASS OF GOODS, of the very best description, at the lowest current rates.

JAMES HAZLETT would particularly mention that in the FLOUR & COLONIAL PRODUCE BUSINESS he can defy competition, as in that line he is in connection with Messrs WHITTINGHAM BROTHERS, of Queenstown, who are the largest buyers in the Lake District.

J. HAZLETT, being a CASH BUYER in the Dunedin and Melbourne Markets, feels confident he can sell the cheapest and best article in the District, and invites a visit from Purchasers.

Note the address:

JAMES HAZLETT,
CLYDE AND CROMWELL.

WILLIAM TAYLOR,
BOOTMAKER,

MELMORE STREET ... CROMWELL

Has a large and varied stock of Boots and Shoes on hand, of the best quality.

An inspection of the stock is invited.

Boots and Shoes made to order in the latest and most approved fashion.

ALL WORK GUARANTEED.

PRICES MODERATE.

5000,—SEVEN PER CENT. DEBENTURES.

CROMWELL CORPORATION
WATERWORKS LOAN,

Issued under Act of the General Assembly, dated 31st August, 1874.

The Corporation of Cromwell invite tenders for debentures to the amount of 2000, bearing interest at 7 per cent., payable half-yearly.

The Debentures will be payable in 30 years, and will be dated 8th January, 1875. They will be for £50 each, and the coupons attached for each half-year's interest will be payable at Cromwell or Dunedin at the Bank of New South Wales.

A minimum price will be fixed before tenders are opened.

Tenders in accordance with the annexed form will be received by the Town Clerk, Cromwell, up to 8 p.m. on Friday, the 8th January, 1875, endorsed "Tender for Debentures."

Payments of 5 per cent. on the amount applied for shall accompany each tender; balance on 22nd January, 1875.

CHARLES COLCLOUGH,
Town Clerk.

FORM OF TENDER.

I hereby tender subject to conditions of advertisement, dated 1874, for every 50 debenture. I enclose, being 5 per cent. on the amount applied for.

Name.....

Address.....

Date.....

NOTICE.

POISON for DOGS will be laid on MOUNT PISA STATION on and after this date.
I. LOUGHNAN,
Mount Pisa, 12th May, 1870.

CHEAP SUMMER DRAPERY.

W. TALBOYS,

LONDON HOUSE,
CROMWELL.

LATEST NOVELTIES

IN

DRESSES AND COSTUMES.

W. TALBOYS,
LONDON HOUSE.

LARGE STOCK OF
Prints, Muslins, Hollands, & Diapers.

W. TALBOYS,
LONDON HOUSE.

NEWEST DESIGNS

IN

SILK JACKETS, HATS, & FLOWERS.

W. TALBOYS,
LONDON HOUSE.

CHOICE STOCK OF
LACE, TIES, COLLARS, & SETS.

W. TALBOYS,
LONDON HOUSE.

LATEST FASHIONS IN
Gents' Suits and Trousers & Vests.

W. TALBOYS,
LONDON HOUSE.

DRESS SHIRTS, CRIMEANS,
HATS, SCARFS, AND TIES.

W. TALBOYS,
LONDON HOUSE.

LADIES', GENTS', & CHILDREN'S
BOOTS,
IN GREAT VARIETY.

W. TALBOYS,
LONDON HOUSE,
CROMWELL.

Cromwell

COME AND SEE

THE CHEAPEST STOCK OF

SUMMER GOODS

IN CROMWELL.

J. SOLOMON,

Acknowledged by all to be the only GENUINE CHEAP DRAPER in the District.

SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF LADIES' DRESSES

NEW STOCK OF SILK DRESSES

NEW WHITE HATS—LADIES', GIRLS', & CHILDREN'S

NEW MILLINERY; BONNETS

NEW TRIMMED HATS—ALL SHAPES

LARGE VARIETY OF PRINTS—ALL COLOURS.

BEAUTIFUL GOODS IN RUFFLES, COLLARS, & LACE SETS.

J. SOLOMON'S STOCK OF

LADIES' MADE-UP DRESSES, COSTUMES, POLONAISES, & TRIMMED HATS

MUST BE SEEN TO BE APPRECIATED.

NEW STOCK OF MEN'S, YOUTHS', LADIES', & CHILDREN'S
BOOTS AND SHOES

JUST OPENED—

A REALLY FIRST-CLASS ASSORTMENT OF
MEN'S, YOUTHS', & BOYS' CLOTHING, HATS
ETC., SUITABLE FOR THE SEASON.—VERY CHEAP.

CROCKERY, GLASSWARE, FANCY GOODS, & PATENT MEDICINES.

SHEEP SHEARS & TURKEY STONES.

JEWELLERY.

ENGLISH LEVER HUNTING WATCHES SELLING A GREAT BARGAIN.

MILLINERY AND DRESSMAKING
Under the management of Mrs SOLOMON.

J. SOLOMON,
CHEAP DRAPERY AND CLOTHING STORE.

[A CARD.]

W. JOHNSTON,
BARRISTER-AT-LAW AND

CONVEYANCER,

CROMWELL.

SWAN BREWERY,
CROMWELL.

GOODGER AND KUHTZE,
Proprietors.

GOODGER AND KUHTZE are now prepared to supply their unrivalled XXXX ALES in any quantity.

Orders left with Mr G. W. GOODGER, Cromwell, or at the Brewery, will be promptly attended to.

GOODGER & KUHTZE.

F. SANSOM, SADDLER
AND
HARNESS-MAKER,

Begs to inform the public that he is carrying on business at the Premises lately occupied by Mr Raven, in Cromwell, and trusts, by strict attention and moderate charges, to merit the public patronage.

Collars, Pack-saddles, and Harness of every description made on the premises.

Repairs done on the shortest notice.

HENRICH BEHRENS,
having purchased from Mr La Fontaine the business lately carried on by him in Cromwell as

WHEELWRIGHT AND COACH-BUILDER,
Begs to announce that he will carry on the same as before, in the premises opposite the Bank of New South Wales.

Good work guaranteed; and prices moderate.

Repairs promptly executed.

NORWICH UNION FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY.

RISKS TAKEN ON THE MOST
LIBERAL TERMS.

JAMES MARSHALL,
Melmore-Street, Cromwell.

CROMWELL
VETERINARY SHOEING FORGE,
Next door to
KIDD'S CROMWELL HOTEL.

ROBERT WISHART,
General Blacksmith, Farrier, Machinist, &c.,
Begs to intimate to the public that he has purchased the business from Mr EDWARD LINDSAY, as Farrier and Blacksmith, and hopes by paying strict attention to business, and turning out good substantial work of all kinds, guaranteed, to merit a continuance of public support.

R. W. begs to intimate to the public generally that he has purchased the CAST-IRON BED for TIRING WHEELS from Mr LINDSAY, being the first introduced up-country; and in this branch he will guarantee to give every satisfaction.

Horses shod on the latest and most approved principle.

Light Shoes 12s.
Draught do. . . . 17s.

R. WISHART,
Veterinary Shoeing Forge.

CROMWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Reading-room is open to Subscribers on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays.

The Library contains an extensive variety of Books in every department of literature; and about £40 worth of New Works is expected to arrive shortly from Great Britain.

All the Provincial Newspapers, and a number of English Papers and Periodicals, are regularly received for the use of Subscribers.

Annual subscription, £1 1s; Half-yearly, 12 6d; Quarterly, 7s 6d.



CROMWELL JOCKEY CLUB RACE MEETING.

TO BE HELD ON

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 29 & 30, 1874.

STEWARDS:

Messrs J. A. PRESHAW
C. E. GUDGEON
G. M. STARKEY

Messrs D. MacKELLAR
JAMES DAWKINS
JAMES TAYLOR

ROBERT KIDD.

JUDGE.—Mr D. A. JOLLY.

STARTER.—Mr JAMES DAWKINS.

CLERK OF THE COURSE.—Mr O. PIERCE.

HANDICAPERS.—Messrs PRESHAW, STARKEY, AND DAWKINS.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY.

MAIDEN PLATE of 25 sovs. For all horses that have never won an advertised prize of over 25 sovs. Weight for age. Distance, one mile and a half. Entrance, 30s.

GRAND STAND HANDICAP of 60 sovs. Distance, one mile and a half. Nominations, £1 1s.; acceptance, £2 2s.

HACK SELLING RACE of 15 sovs. For bona fide hacks. Winner to be sold for £15. Surplus to go to the race fund. Distance, one mile. Entrance, £1 1s. No weight less than 9st. Post entry.

FLYING HANDICAP of 30 sovs. Distance, one mile. Nominations, £1 1s.; acceptance, £1 1s. The winner of the Grand Stand Handicap to carry 5lbs penalty.

SELLING STAKES of 30 sovs. Weight for age. Distance, one mile and a quarter. Entrance, 30s. The winner to be sold by auction immediately after the race, and any surplus to go to the race fund. Winner to be sold for 30 sovs.; if entered to be sold for £25, allowed 7lbs; for £20, allowed 14lbs; for £15, allowed 21lbs; for £10, allowed 28lbs.

SECOND DAY.

HANDICAP TROTTING RACE of 15 sovs. No weight under 11st. Entrance, £1 1s. Distance, two miles. Entrance to be made by 8 p.m. on the first day of the races, 29th December.

JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Nominations, £2 2s.; acceptance, £3 3s. Distance, two miles.

MINERS' PURSE of 15 sovs. For bona fide hacks, that have never won an advertised prize of 15 sovs. Distance, 3 mile heats. Entrance, £1 1s. No weight less than 10st. Post entry.

STEWARDS' PURSE, of 40 sovs. Entrance £2 2s. Weight for age. Distance, one mile and a half. The winner to be sold (with his engagements) by auction immediately after the race, and any surplus to go to the race fund. Winner to be sold for £50; if entered to be sold for £40, allowed 7lbs; for £30, allowed 14lbs; for £20, allowed 21lbs; for £10, allowed 28lbs.

CONSOLATION HANDICAP of 20 sovs. For all beaten horses. Nomination, 15s.; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile.

Nominations, with qualification-fee, £3 3s, for the Grand Stand and Flying Handicaps to be received by the Secretary not later than 8 p.m. on the 9th December. Weights to be declared in the *Cromwell Argus* of the 15th, and in the *Otago Daily Times* of the 16th.

Acceptances to be sent in on or before the night of general entry, 28th December.

Nominations for Jockey Club Handicap to be made on the night of general entry, 28th December; weights to be declared on the evening of 29th December; acceptances to be sent in not later than 10 a.m. on the 30th.

General entries will be received up till 8 p.m. on December 28th; entries for the Handicap Trotting Race on the evening of the 29th.

RULES & REGULATIONS.

Mares will be allowed 5lbs, and geldings 3lbs. No entries to be received for any of the above races except on this condition: That all disputes, claims, and objections arising out of the racing shall be decided by the Stewards, or whom they may appoint. Their decision upon all points connected with the carrying out of the programme shall be final.

No person shall be allowed to enter or run a horse for any race in this programme, post entry and trotting races excepted, unless the latter be qualified as the bona fide property of a subscriber of not less than £3 3s. to the race fund.

Entries will be received by the Secretary before 8 p.m. on the 28th December, entrance money enclosed, with name, age, and pedigree

(if any) of the horse, name of the owner, and colours of the rider.

Any jockey riding except in the colours entered will be fined £2.

Five per cent. will be deducted from the gross amount of all stakes for expenses.

Horses walking over will receive 50 per cent out of the stakes.

The Cromwell Jockey Club Rules will be strictly enforced.

Any person entering a protest must deposit £2, and should such be deemed frivolous by the Stewards, the amount will be forfeited.

N.B.—No entries or acceptances will be received on any pretext whatever after the time specified.

GEORGE JENOUR, SECRETARY.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, & WEDNESDAY,
December 28, 29, and 30.

IMPORTANT Clearing-Out SALE by PUBLIC AUCTION,

—of—

DRAPERY, IRONMONGERY, JEWELLERY,
FANCY GOODS, &c.,
AT CROMWELL.

GEORGE FACHE will sell by public auction on above dates, by order of Mr I. WRIGHT, who is leaving the district, having disposed of his business premises, the balance of his stock, consisting of

A large assortment of Drapery, Hosiery, Millinery, Ladies' and Gentlemen's Boots and Shoes, Men's Clothing, &c.

Ironmongery, Cutlery, Electro-plated Ware, Glassware, &c.

Stationery, Jewellery, and Fancy Goods of every description

Spring Cart and Harness and Buggy and Harness.

The Sales each day will commence at 10 o'clock in the morning, and at 6 in the evening.

The Auctioneer would inform the inhabitants of Cromwell and the surrounding district that the sale is genuine and bona fide, and invites all who want bargains to put in an appearance. The attention of the trade is specially directed to the sale, as such an opportunity to replenish their stocks will not again for some time occur.

Take notice of the Days of Sale.

LOWBURN SPORTS!

POSTPONEMENT.

NOTICE.

The above Sports, advertised last week to take place on Boxing Day, are now postponed until

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Remember—

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1.

New Advertisements.

I. O. G. T.

THE above Order will hold a Grand DEMONSTRATION and

PICNIC

ON

NEW YEAR'S DAY,

Starting from Cromwell at 10 o'clock a.m., and proceeding to the Paddock behind Burn Cottage.

The Public in general are invited to join them.

In the EVENING, a

CONCERT

will be held in the ATHENÆUM HALL.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.
Overture Band
Chorus—Templar Battle Cry Company
Song—By the Sad Sea Waves Mr SANSOM
Song—Spring, gentle Spring Mrs CORSE
Selection from Bohemian Girl Band
Recitation Mr SNOOK
Song—I'm Dying far from those I Mr J. STEVENS
Love Mr J. STEVENS

PART II.
Grand March Band
Glee—The Cloud-capt Towers Company
Song—Who will care for Mother now Mr J. STEVENS, jun.
Song—Take me Home again Mr P. EDWARDS
Selections Band
Recitation Mr D. TODD
Song—The Death of Nelson Mr R. CAMPBELL
God Save the Queen Band.

Doors open at 7.30, to commence at 8 o'clock.
Front Seats, 5s; Back do., 3s.

DANCING to take place after the Concert.
D. TODD, W.S.

NOTICE.

The members of the Robert Bruce Lodge will leave the Bannockburn Schoolhouse, in procession, on New Year's day, at 8 a.m. sharp.

By order of the W.C.T.

MINING LEASES REGULATIONS.

PROVINCE OF OTAGO, NEW ZEALAND.

December 24, 1874.

To W. L. Simpson, Esq.
Sir,—I have paid to the District Surveyor the sum required for the survey of the following Gold Mining Lease Application, as required by the Mining Leases Regulations of Otago, and we agree upon the approval of this application to execute a Lease upon the bases therein stated, if the Governor or his Delegate shall think fit to grant the same.—I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servants,

DAVID WATKINS,

For JOHN PARRY and Self.

Name and address in full of applicants.—John Parry, David Watkins.

Style under which it is intended to conduct the business.—Great Britain Quartz Mining Company.

Extent of land applied for.—400 yards by 200 yards.

Minimum number of men to be employed by the Lessees.—For the first six months, two men; subsequently, when in full work, six men.

Amount of capital proposed to be invested.—£10,000.

Proposed mode of working the land.—Shafts and tunnelling.

Precise locality.—South of the Cromwell Company's leases, and adjoining them.

Term for which lease is required.—Fifteen years.

Time of commencing operations.—Soon as the certificate is granted.

The above Application and any objection thereto will be heard before me, at Cromwell, on January 29th, 1875. Any person desiring to object to the issue of a Mining Lease upon the above application must, within 35 clear days from the date of such application, enter his objection at my office.

W. LAWRENCE SIMPSON,
Warden.

LUCKNOW QUARTZ MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Seventh Call of Two Shillings and Sixpence per Share has been made, and is payable at the Company's Office on WEDNESDAY, 13th January, 1875.

THOMAS BLACK,
Legal Manager.

STAR OF THE EAST QUARTZ MINING COMPANY.

Tenders for the supply of Coals to the Company's Machine for the ensuing twelve months will be received at the Office, Cromwell, up to SATURDAY, January 2nd, 1875.

JAMES MARSHALL,
Manager.

BENDIGO ATHLETIC SPORTS.

To be held on

NEW YEAR'S DAY,

January 1, 1875.

STEWARDS.

Mr J. Mitchinson Mr W. G. Smith
Mr G. B. Douglas.

JUDGE.—Mr Edward Rigg.

PROGRAMME.

Handicap Foot Race, 100 yards—First prize, 20s; second, 10s; third, 5s.

Hop, Step, and Jump—First prize, 15s; second, 7s 6d; third, 5s.

BENDIGO DISTRICT MAIDEN PLATE, for all horses that have never won advertised money; weight for age—Prize, £5.

Sack Race—First prize, 15s; second, 7s 6d; third, 5s.

Throwing the Hammer—First prize, 15s; second, 7s 6d; third, 5s.

Three Standing Jumps—First prize, 15s; second, 7s 6d; third, 5s.

Handicap Foot Race, 200 yards—First prize, 30s; second, 15s; third, 7s 6d.

BENDIGO HANDICAP, for all horses—Prize, £5.

Three-Legged Race (to draw for mates)—First prize, 20s; second, 15s; third, 10s.

Putting the Stone—First prize, 15s; second, 7s 6d; third, 5s.

Running High Jump—First prize, 15s; second, 7s 6d; third, 5s.

Handicap Foot Race, 100 yards. No one to carry less than 10 stone.—First prize, 30s; second, 20s; third, 10s.

Quoit Match, 18 yards.—First prize, 20s; second, 10s; third, 5s.

Entrance for Horse Races, 10s; for all other events, 1s.

Sports to commence at 12 o'clock sharp.

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JAMES HAZLETT,
Liquidator.

Clyde, December 26, 1874.

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Cromwell Argus,

AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS GAZETTE.

CROMWELL: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1874.

In a few hours from the date of our present issue, the dial of old Time will have shaded off the year 1874, and have sent it, with all its events and histories, to a companionship of darkness with others, say six thousand, of an earlier date. To us in this immediate neighbourhood, the now closing year began with some terrible hints prophetic of what was to come; and they were but the beginning of sorrows—mere foretokens of what was to follow in quick succession. Accident, disease, and death seemed at one time to

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threaten all that was most hopeful in our little community, and they have left bleeding memories of the still current year, not soon if ever to be forgotten. The year brought with it all the chances of change, success, and failure, common to all such periods. An exodus to the Palmer at one time threatened to thin down our mining population, but it soon ceased. Some of our oldest and most respected fellow-citizens have either left or are giving signs of a speedy departure. But we are not therefore taking our last farewell adieu to the year in despondency, as barren of results. It is bequeathing to the future unmistakable indications of success. A church, an hospital, an Athenaeum, a school, and a magnificent store for Messrs Hallenstein and Co. will show to all who care to look that we are moving with the rest of the world and in the right direction. Our staple industry, too, has nothing to show but a growth upwards. The figures of the gold escort have gone on increasing till the last returns put Cromwell at the head of all gold-producing townships. No previous year did so well for us in this respect as the one with which we are now for ever shaking hands. We may mention, too, that the year has witnessed the birth of a new social movement in the town and district. The Argus would fail of its duty did it not take notice of the successful establishment and rapid increase of Good Templary here and in the up-country townships. Before its bold advances, the harsh and hopeless features of besotment are yielding to something more rational. The worshippers of the whisky god are becoming fewer and beautifully less. Many whom strong drink had consigned to degradation are vindicating their manhood, and under the fostering care of the brotherhood, are fast taking their long-lost places among men. As the fast declining year was running its course, our Provincial member received the appointment of Goldfields Secretary, and Cromwell has had the honour of his residence. Those who knew Mr MacKellar best did not expect from him any expression of officialism. They never supposed he would strangle himself or others in red tape, or in any other way discredit the seals of office. And he has justified the hopes of his friends, and has intercepted the furious rage of his enemies, and more than half cheated them into admiration of the efficiency of his administration. During the last two months or less, a perfect land mania has revealed itself. Our pages were full of advertisements on the subject. A furious rush for broad acres from many of our most cautious men can hardly be accounted for. It may be hoped the Warden will allow them to put on the straight-jacket of land occupation. But one thing may be noted: whatever may be the outcome of the land scramble now going on, the wary settlers have confidence in what the district has in store for the future. If we have anything to complain of which admits of almost instant remedy, it is our water supply. We were never perhaps worse off for this needful article. And it is somewhat strange that it should be so. We have water sufficient running past Cromwell to create a respectable deluge and float a thousand arks, and drown a good part of the world, if it would come within our reach. This is a matter so often turning up that it becomes wearisome, but it is of supreme importance after all. It cannot be supposed that the recent scanty supply has been intended as a Lent of abstinence to the increased number of water-drinkers in the town. It may be that the Corporation authorities have done their best in the matter, but the best falls far short of the common demand. We must now in conclusion bid adieu to an old friend. It has left us a legacy of ills, but we forgive it, and hope for better things in time to come. Leave-taking is always affecting when we know it is final. The Argus itself must now shake hands with the year and with all its supporters; and when we next meet them, it will be with an open hand, to wish them all kinds of happiness, and with a welcome to the new year with all its duties and responsibilities.

The Christmas washing-up of the Cromwell Company was brought into town on Saturday last. The cake weighed 818 ounces, a magnificent result considering the short time of crushing. The amount of stone put through, we are informed, was about 200 tons.

We hear that a man named George Owens was burnt to death at Drybread on Sunday night, while sleeping in his hut. The first thing known of the occurrence was the finding of the hut in ashes in the morning.

The Star of the East washed up last week, with a result of 277 ozs. 16 dwts., from 200 tons of stone. There will now be a little dead work to do, and it will be the middle of January before the mill will start again. The reef just now is running very irregularly; in some places it makes a good width, while in others it pinches up to a few inches; but the stone where thin is very good. The contractors for the tunnel are pushing it ahead as fast as possible, but the rock just now is pretty hard with them.

The Mount Ida Chronicle says "a correspondent from Maerowhenua informs us that the squatters are jubilant about the dirty water case, and are open to bet any amount that the case goes against the diggers. If so, good-bye to sluicing in Otago."

We have received No. 1 of a series of song-books—"The New Zealand Songster," by name,—to be published by Mr Joseph Braithwaite, bookseller, of Dunedin. It is a neatly-printed little book, and contains a very fair selection of popular songs, including some of the renowned Thatcher's compositions. The price is sixpence only.

We understand that it is the intention of the Cromwell Kilwinning Lodge of Freemasons to hold an invitation ball on the 20th proximo.

The sale of Mr Wright's stock began yesterday, and it is to be continued to-day and to-morrow.

For the race evenings, we need hardly remind our readers that the great attraction will be Mr St. Vincent's entertainment, which is well spoken of by down-country papers. The Mount Ida Chronicle says it is one of the most pleasing performances ever given in the country districts.

The last day for receiving tenders for the purchase of the Corporation debentures is Friday, January 8.

The case of Malaghan v. Wenckheim, £1000 damages for slander, is set down for hearing at next sitting of Supreme Court, viz., 15th January, 1875.

Mr J. Holliday was the successful tenderer for the Heart of Oak tunnel, at a price of £1 14s. 6d. per foot. Judging from the perseverance with which he stuck to the contract for driving the United tunnel, there is every probability of his completing his present contract to the satisfaction of the company.

A billiard match was played at the Empire Hotel last evening between Mr W. Weston, champion player of Australia and New Zealand, and another professional wielder of the cue. The latter received 550 points out of 1000, but after an hour's play the game was called—Weston 502 to 687, the former playing in good form and rapidly overhauling his adversary. The game at the successive hundreds stood as follows:—Weston 601—693; 800—751; 901—759; 1000—784. Mr Weston therefore won the match by 216 points, scoring 1000 to his opponent's 234, and the time occupied was a minute under two hours and a half. The winner made several breaks of over forty points, the highest being one of fifty-seven.—Evening Star, 24th inst.

The following item of business was transacted at the last meeting of the Waste Land Board:—"Mr George McLachlan applied for extension of time, and protection to prospect for coal near Bendigo, on Messrs James Cogle and Co.'s run. Extension granted for three months."

His Honor the Superintendent was to publicly open the Turkish Baths in Dunedin yesterday.

The Carrick Race Company have brought their water nearly to the end of the race, and the manager reports that a week's work for five men will bring it on to the saddle. The water has been run up to within a mile of the end for some days. There have been a few small breaks, but nothing of any consequence. The great difficulty at first will be to prevent loss by soakage, as water travelling such a distance over loose, broken ground unavoidably loses a large quantity. This of course will gradually remedy itself, by the bottom getting sifted up; but in the meanwhile, it has to be remedied as well as possible by padding the worst of the places, and sodding it altogether when too open. Messrs Williams and Edwards' machine will be completed in about a fortnight, before which time the manager expects to get the water to them to allow them to commence crushing.

The Acclimatisation Society has received further satisfactory evidence of the successful naturalisation of the salmon trout in New Zealand waters, a fine specimen of that fish having been captured the other morning in the Lower Harbour by Morrissey, one of the Port fishermen. The fish measured two feet in length, and measured seventeen inches in girth, and weighed seven pounds.

The smallest post-office in the world (says the New Zealand Herald) is kept in a barrel, which swings from the outthrusting rock of the mountains overhanging the Strait of Magellan, opposite Terra del Fuego. Every passing ship opens it to place letters in it or take them out. Every ship undertakes to forward all letters in it that it is possible for them to transmit. It hangs there by its iron chain, beaten and battered by the winds and storms; but no locked or barred office on land is more secure. It is not in the track of mail robbers.

The Good Templars of Auckland and the Licensed Victuallers are vying with each other in deeds of charity. The Auckland correspondent of the Guardian says:—"A novel gift was made in a novel manner on Saturday evening last. At the recent annual dinner of the Licensed Victuallers' Association it was proposed to make a gift of a cow to the Industrial Home. This generous spirit worked up by wine was, however, allowed to die out, and in the meanwhile their natural enemies, the Good Templars, took the matter in hand, procured two cows, christened them Faith and Hope, decked them with garlands, and processioned them to the Home, where the Worthy Grand Master, in a speech appropriate to the occasion, made the presentation. It has been suggested that the Licensed Victuallers shall supply an important omission. The Templars have only represented two of the virtues, Faith and Hope; the publicans are now asked to supply the third one, that of 'Charity.' This was a queer omission on the part of Good Templars."—A telegram in the Evening Star has the following in reference to the same matter:—"The licensed victuallers were stimulated to make a subscription of £32 towards the Auckland charities by the Good Templars making a gift of two cows to the Neglected Children's Home, challenging the victuallers to do likewise."

The Clyde Corporation advertise for tenders for the erection of a wire suspension bridge over the Molyneux at Clyde. Tenders are to be received until January 25.

The wool clip this year is universally reported to be turning out well. The Wakatipu Mail says that throughout that district it has been much larger than was expected. The Upper Taieri correspondent of the Waihouiti Herald also says:—"It is gratifying to report that the present clip of wool is turning out much better than its predecessor. From all parts of the district we learn that it is far superior in staple and weight to last year's. Taking into consideration the fact of experiencing a very stormy spring, and other minor matters relative to the subject, the flockowners may be congratulated upon securing such a splendid clip in the face of the many drawbacks in the early part of the season."

A facetious writer in the Christchurch Press, in one of his contributions, says:—"There's a kind-hearted old gentleman lives—well I forget where—but not in Christchurch anyhow. He lends money. He can't help it, he says. He likes it. He makes a rule never to ask more than forty per cent., and that only to personal friends. He makes money out of his business as a rule. He has a loss now and then. I'm going to tell you of one of them. He was sitting in his office when an old dried-up man about seventy-five years of age came in and said he had just got £500 left him, and, being a childless orphan, he said he didn't expect he could last much longer, and had lost interest in things generally. The lender of money said he thought he might give him a hundred a year for his £500, and they closed the bargain. Now most people would have played fair, and died after a year's comfort, but this dear old cripple did otherwise. It is now fifteen years since he bought his annuity, and he still lives. Year after year does this meek, childless old man walk into the office of the money-lender and draw his cheque, and then that money-lender prances round the room, and blesses the man who invented annuities, and throws ledgers about, and makes it lively for his clerk, and the meek and lonely old orphan goes away down street, and feels every year more and more that he has not lived in vain."

FATAL ACCIDENT.

Still another fatal accident has to be recorded by us, making the third on the list within the last two months. Lately, indeed, accidents more or less serious have been unusually frequent. The one under notice occurred on Wednesday, the 25th inst., in the afternoon, on the Queenstown road, about a mile beyond Kawarau Gorge. A man named George Hayes, in the employ of Mr Scheib, of Deep Creek, was proceeding home from Cromwell with a two-horse dray, having for loading a hoghead of beer. From the evidence of persons who saw him at the Gorge, it appears he was to some extent under the influence of liquor, but not in any way helplessly so, or what might be called "drunk." Previous to the accident, the person who last saw him appears to have been Mr O. Cummins, who met him about one o'clock, near Mr T. Wilson's residence, where his horses had "jibbed" and had run the wheel of the dray so close to the edge of the road that Mr Cummins cautioned him, saying if he did not mind he would be in the river. Thereafter he was not seen until he was found by a son of Mr T. Wilson's about five or six o'clock in the evening, lying at the side of the road insensible. It would appear that his horses, —or horse rather, for one of them was tied to the dray behind—backed down a slight rise, and ran the dray over the bank. The hoghead rolled out of the cart, and over the unfortunate Hayes, landing on a ledge some thirty feet down. The distance from the road to the river's edge is about 150 feet, and the dray must have gone the whole way to the river, for nothing but half of one of the shafts has ever been seen of it. How the horses got clear is a mystery, for except with the pulling of the one tied behind, it is almost impossible that the dray could have passed the ledge referred to; but get clear they did, and fed quietly round about. Hayes, as we have said, was insensible when found. He was taken to a roadman's hut in the vicinity, and during the night he became conscious, and explained to the roadman (who gave evidence at the inquest) how the accident occurred and how he got hurt. Sometime early on the morning of Thursday, he died. Dr Stirling made a post-mortem examination, and found the injuries very severe, ribs on both sides being broken, besides other internal and severe injuries which rendered it a matter of wonder how he lived so long. Sergeant Cassels, who was informed of the accident on the Wednesday evening, and who visited the sufferer about eleven o'clock, says he did not appear to be in very great pain, and he did not give the sergeant any idea of being in danger.

On Thursday, his body was removed to the Snickers Arms Hotel, where an inquest was held, and a verdict returned in accordance with the evidence. The body was interred in the Cromwell Cemetery on Christmas evening. Hayes was a native of the United States and was fifty-seven years old.

THE HOLIDAYS.

The Christmas of 1874 in Cromwell is universally set down as having been an unusually dull one. The town has had none of that busy and brisk appearance common to it at this time of the year; and the number of outsiders in for the holidays has been but small. Christmas Day was dull and lowering as regarded weather, and the town looked remarkably wretched all day with the whole of the places of business closed and hardly a soul to be seen in the streets. Better things, however, are expected during this week.

For the races, which certainly did not promise well, things have taken on a brighter appearance, and probably the entries for all the minor events will be beyond the average. For New Year's Day, sport is provided here, there, and everywhere. The Good Templars are confident of a very successful picnic. The Bannockburn and Bendigo lodges are expected to turn out well on the occasion, and as they, with the Cromwell Lodge itself, number nearly 150 members in all, the attendance, if confined to Templars only, which is in no way probable, will be something considerable. Their concert in the evening is being assiduously practised for, and is likely to be an improvement on the last one they gave. Perriam's sports are to be held as usual on New Year's Day, and a very good programme, it will be seen, is also issued for Bendigo. So that no lack of amusement is provided for the British public during the present week.

On Boxing Day and yesterday, sports were held at Quartzville, including horse and foot races, quoiting, &c. The Maiden Plate on Saturday was won by Mr George Partridge's Echo, and the Trotting Race by Mr Robert Walker's Border Lass. The wrestling was won easily by R. E. Dagg, and the running high leap by H. Goodman. The 100-yards foot race fell to Raby, of the Nevils. We have not heard any particulars of Monday's results. The amount of money given is quite insufficient for two days' sports. A much wiser plan would be to give it all away in one day. More people would be attracted; in fact, on the Saturday, as it was, there was a very good attendance. And the events would probably be better and more numerous than were those of Saturday at least, for we cannot speak as to those of Monday. Some "diversion" was provided at one time during Saturday afternoon by a slight bout at fisticuffs, but it was just reaching the interesting stage of coat-doffing when the Sergeant of Police interfered; and he also, very properly, put the fear of the law on an elderly gentleman at whose shrine—in the shape of a porter case with the magic letters U and O chalked on it, and a figure 7—the public apparently felt inclined to worship to some extent.

How She was Quieted.

On Friday, says the Detroit Free Press of July 26, a woman about thirty years old was arrested in the Western district for disturbing the peace, and the event almost distracted her, although she had seen the inside of a cell before. She began howling and weeping as soon as she was locked up, and Bijah, the janitor of the Ninth Avenue Station, felt his heart getting tender. He offered her a harvest apple, but she only stopped long enough to see what it was, and then went on crying out, "I am dying; I know I am!" He besought her to live for the sake of her husband, who is away on the lakes, but she said she would be cold in death before morning if not set at liberty. He showed her the almanac, and tried to induce her to peruse it, and settle her mind, but she tried to pull his hair through the bars, and raised her voice until it could be heard two blocks away. He began reading the almanac out aloud, but she drowned his voice, and he had to give up. Then he went out and bought some peppermint drops and handed them to her, saying that it was a burning shame to arrest a lady like her for merely hitting another woman on the ear with a shovel. She was quiet for a few minutes and then broke out again, and the roof of the station seemed to be rising up. Bijah offered her a pound of gum drops, a new bonnet, a black dress, a house and lot, and 50,000 dollars in bonds if she would only be quiet, but she danced up and down, and yelled "Lerome out, or I shall di-ah." He locked all the doors, and sat down on the front steps to let her exhaust herself, but after an hour and ten minutes, there being no cessation, he ran in with an axe on his shoulder and threatened to cut her head right off if she didn't stop. "I won't! I won't! I won't!" she shouted, dancing up and down and taking a fresh start. He drimmed on the coal-scuttle with the axe to drown her voice, but the voice drowned the scuttle. He put the hose on the penstock, and threatened to drown her, but she shut her eyes, and pitched her voice on a new key. The old man was in despair. The men up-stairs couldn't sleep, and people outside thought that a panther had been caged. As the officer rubbed his bald head and looked around his eye lighted on an old paper, and his smile extended from ear to ear. He carried it in, turned up the gas and shouted, "Have you read the Beecher scandal yet?" "Read what?" she exclaimed, suddenly ceasing to scream. "The Beecher-Tilton matter," he continued; "this're thing that everybody is talking about." "No; where is it?" she asked, and he passed in the paper telling her that if she would be good he'd hunt up the rest of the statement in another paper; and from that moment until daylight the woman never uttered a word, except once when she asked if there weren't seven or eight more papers with statements in.

Floods Down-Country.

Saturday, the 19th instant, appears to have been a rough day in many of the districts of this Province. We take the following paragraphs, descriptive of the weather and the damage done, from our exchanges:—

The *Guardian* says:—"Between Naseby and the Mount Ida Range there was no rain to speak of, the head races coming into the workings were barely affected, while on the other side of the town there was also no rain. About 8 o'clock in the evening, the town being pretty full on account of the election-meetings to be held, the rain commenced to fall as if solid water was being discharged from a medium-sized sieve, the streets being afloat in a few minutes. Very soon the water began to break on the town at the bridge end, being turned inwards by the tail-races in the gully. A few stores were thoroughly damped, and stables filled up with tailings, but no serious damage was done to the town. Mining property suffered severely. The Dead Level Company's race was entirely obliterated at the upper end, and most of the races that discharge into it for tributes were also filled in. At least £1000 will be needed to put these works in repair again, and one or two months of the best season of the year will be lost. The damage to the Government Sludge Channel is greater than was at first thought. The contractors, had no warning; and the first intimation of danger was got by one of the contractors, who was leisurely riding up to Naseby, and heard the roar of the flood at his right hand in the gully. He at once pulled up to see what it was, hastily conjectured that a dam had burst above Naseby, and galloped down ahead of the waters to turn out his men. Hastily they threw up, as best they could, a diverting dam, and stuck to it, with 30 or more men, swaying with the pressure, on the top, but had to give in, the curl of the water at the onset—some 4ft or 5ft high—being too much for the temporary works. As nearly as we can judge, about £600 will be needed for repairs. The work damaged had been passed by the engineers, and, although legally the contractors are bound to maintain the works until the whole are completed, yet it would be very hard if they have to repair such an evidently unavoidable casualty out of their own pockets. As evidencing the defined locality of the flood, the Taieri River is said not to have been much affected."

The *Tuapeka Times* says:—"On Saturday a thunderstorm burst over the Tuapeka district, and spread over a somewhat extensive range. We have heard of it as somewhat heavy on the other side of the Beaumont, and have in part witnessed its ravages from Tuapeka Mouth to Greenfield Station. About two o'clock at the former place, the rumble of thunder was heard in the distance, and it grew gradually nearer. Between four or five in the afternoon, the sky became black as ink, but was brightened up with frequent flashes of lightning. The thunder became loud and deafening. It rained, literally in torrents, and was accompanied with hail; so large were the stones that they averaged about half-an-inch thick in diameter. The noise they made on the roofs in falling, drowned all other sounds. The hail did an immense damage to the gardens, knocking off the fruit and smashing the beds of vegetables, so that what was full of promise in the morning, was prostrate and drooping in the evening. But the storm fell with special fury over the saw-mill and on the hill above, so much so that for a short time Mr Pearce's garden was a flowing river, which bore away the fallen fruit, and accumulated on the other side of the road. The workmen in the mill-shed were soon up to the knees, and the water rose up to the bars of the furnace. It floated away the sawn timber out of the racks, and even tore up part of the tramway, and did no small amount of damage.—During the thunderstorm of Saturday afternoon, a flash of lightning struck a post at the rear of Miss M'Sweeney's residence, at Wetherstones, splitting the post in thousands of pieces, and scattering the fragments in all directions. The rails adjacent to the post were displaced several feet. Two eye-witnesses state that the earth around the post was driven upwards, as if by a whirlwind, thus testifying to the violence of the shock. A mare was feeding close by, but fortunately she escaped with a fright. A large number of people visited the spot on Sunday, and viewed with amazement the effects of the electric fluid, a similar phenomenon not having occurred in the neighbourhood for some years. Mr Titchener's house, at the Camp, Lawrence, had a very narrow escape. A flash of lightning struck close to the house, causing it to vibrate considerably. Mr Titchener, who was indoors at the time, says that the building shook as though about to fall, giving the occupants a great fright. Thunder followed the flash in about thirty seconds."

A Reverend Turfite.

A novel scandal has attracted considerable attention during the month. It seems that the owner of Apology, the horse that won the St. Leger, is a Church of England clergyman, the Rev. J. W. King, Vicar of Ashby-de-la-Launde. This fact having come to the knowledge of his Diocesan, the Bishop of Lincoln, the latter wrote to Mr King asking him to give up his connection with the turf. The sole answer Mr King vouchsafed was to refer the Bishop to his solicitor. The Bishop shortly afterwards seeing in the papers that Mr King was still interesting himself in racing matters, addressed another letter to him, written in a most gentlemanly and Christian spirit, reminding Mr King of

the vows he had taken at his ordination, and expressing his (the Bishop's) unwillingness to resort to legal measures. The Bishop concluded as follows:—"I now entreat you once more, solemnly and affectionately, in the name of our blessed Lord, who, is not only our Saviour but our Judge, and in the name of the souls for which He died, either to relinquish your pastoral career, or else to relinquish a course which seems to me to be altogether at variance with the sacred obligations by which you are bound as a clergyman of the Church of England." About the time that this letter was sent to him, Mr King met with an accident by which the bone of one of his thighs broken—a serious injury to a man 82 years old. In consequence of this his reply was not sent for some time afterwards. In it Mr King stated that for fifty years he had bred horses, and sometimes had them in training for the turf, and that he could not think that endeavours to improve the breed of horses in the country were a scandal in the Church. He concluded by saying that legal proceedings would be powerless against him, and that if he resigned his livings, it would not be from any consciousness of wrong, or fear of legal consequences, "but simply," to use his own words, "because I desire to live the remainder of my days in peace and charity with all men, and to save your Lordship the annoyance, and the Church the scandal, of futile proceedings being taken against one who has retired for some time from parochial ministrations, and is lying on the bed of sickness at this moment." Mr King's admirers allege on his behalf that although he ran horses, he never betted a sixpence on them. Still he countenanced betting in others, for it is related that on it being represented to him, before the St. Leger, that Apology showed signs of lameness, and that he had better have her scratched, he replied—"The mare must run, if she goes on three legs; all Lincolnshire is on her." The concluding letter of the series—the Bishop's reply to Mr King's reply—was published on the 23rd. In it the Bishop expresses his gratitude to Mr King for the intention announced in his letter, "to sacrifice private interest to public principle, and for the sake of peace," and he concludes by wishing Mr King the enjoyment of "that comfort which arises from the consciousness of such a sacrifice," and "that consolation from above which is bestowed on the lovers of truth and charity in the time of sickness and sorrow, and at the hour of death." Mr King has since resigned his livings.

The bankruptcy case of George Thorne, junr., merchant, which was again before the Auckland Supreme Court on September 23, is one of the most remarkable commercial cases ever heard in Auckland. Thorne took the old-established business of Robertson and Co., and commenced extensive transactions, representing some £50,000, on £500 capital. Credit with the Bank of New South Wales was sustained by the name and reputation of his father, Mr George Thorne, merchant, of Sydney. An important branch of the bankrupt's business was the purchasing and shipping of wool to America. A large consignment of wool, purchased on accommodation given by the Bank of New South Wales, was sold at a frightful sacrifice in America during the temporary panic. Immediately on receiving intelligence of his serious losses, Thorne endeavoured to get the Bank to keep him going, in the hope that he would ultimately clear off the great deficit. They declined, and in order to force them, it is alleged he commenced realising his estate, paying away large sums to outside creditors, to the detriment of the Bank. Some of these amounts it is alleged were paid subsequent to the order obtained by the Bank making him insolvent. When the case came into the Insolvency Court the Bank secured the appointment of one of their accountants as trustee. He examined the books, in which entries had latterly been made without date, and found letters paying large sums had been sent without being entered in the letter-book. The bankrupt then neglected to go over the accounts with the trustee, and made various statements of his affairs which the trustee objected to. The bankrupt has been weeks under examination during the past few months in endeavouring to ascertain the exact state of his affairs, without the case being advanced. The Chief Justice to-day said unless a satisfactory statement was submitted before the day to which the case was adjourned, he would commit the bankrupt for contempt of court.

Of Mr Armstrong's victory the *Mount Ida Chronicle* says:—"We opposed his candidature, because we considered he had no claims upon the district, and were most anxious to see the Goldfields learn to depend on themselves, and their own men. We know when we are beaten, and are quite willing to recognise the sterling merits which, with some weaknesses, Mr Armstrong possesses, and which will be turned to the best account for the district."

Holloway's Ointment and Pills.—Abscesses, Erysipelas, Piles.—Unvarying success attend all who treat these diseases according to the simple printed directions, wrapped round each pot and box. They are invaluable to the young and timid, whose bashfulness sometimes endangers life. A little attention, moderate perseverance, and trifling expense will enable the most diffident to conduct any case to a happy issue without exposing secret intimacies to anyone. The Ointment arrests the spreading inflammation, restrains the excited vessels, cools the overheated skin, alleviates throbbing and smarting pains, and gives great ease. These directions also clearly point out how and when Holloway's Pills are to be taken, that their purifying and regulating powers may assist by adjusting and strengthening the constitution.

COACHING NOTICE.

THOMAS GILMOUR of Begs to announce to the public that after 1st January, 1875, he will run coaches as follows:—
Between Cromwell and CARDRONA, leaving Cromwell every Wednesday morning and returning every Thursday afternoon;
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Every exertion made to ensure punctuality.
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Cromwell parcels delivered on Saturday night.

NOTICE.

The undersigned begs to intimate that in future an EXPRESS will leave Quartzville every FRIDAY MORNING for Cromwell, returning the same EVENING.
Leaves Quartzville at 9; Leaves Cromwell at 5.
Passengers and Parcels carried.
CHARLES PEAKE.

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ONE THIRD SHARE in the WATER RACE, CLAIM, and Mining Tools, &c., of the Party known as GORMAN and HAYES, at Kawarau Gorge.
The race is one of the most valuable in the district, and the claim—4 acres—at the Gorge Point is too well known to need comment.
Every information will be given to intending purchasers on application to

T. GORMAN,
Gorge; or
C. COLCLOUGH,
Mining Agent, Cromwell.

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THE HOUSE situated on the Cromwell side of the Rocky Point Ferry, and known as the BENDIGO FERRY HOTEL.

The building contains seven rooms, and is well and conveniently constructed. The stand is a very good one, and at the present time, when the Bendigo reefs promise to turn out so successfully, the house is well worthy the attention of speculators.

For particulars as to price, &c., apply to the owner,

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NOTICE.
A Billiard TOURNAMENT will take place at STARKEY'S Billiard Room, commencing on TUESDAY, December 1, and concluding on FRIDAY, January 1.
Single Prize ... £10
For further particulars, apply to the Lessee of the Room.

THE TOURNAMENT IS NOW ON.

PROSPECTUS OF THE CARRICK GREAT QUARTZ TUNNELLING COMPANY.

A prospectus of the Carrick Great Quartz Tunnelling Company, Limited, is hereby published under the Mining Companies Act.
Capital £15,000, in 60,000 shares of 5s. each.

PROVISIONAL DIRECTORS:
Mr Logan, Mr Taylor, Mr Goodger, Mr Grant, Mr Lawrence, Mr Bennett, Mr Jolly, Mr J. Stuart, Mr Kidd, Mr Towan, Mr S. Williams, Mr Richards, Mr Gudgeon, Mr Arndt, Mr Murrell.

TREASURER:
Mr C. E. Gudgeon, Bank of New Zealand.

SECRETARY:
Mr Chas. Colclough, Accountant.

The promoters of this undertaking, being aware that the auriferous resources of the Carrick Range are not being satisfactorily developed, so as to benefit the mining community of the district generally, and feeling confident that a vast amount of hidden wealth lies undeveloped at a great depth in the heart of the auriferous mountain on the surface of which are to be found the Star of the East, Heart of Oak, Elizabeth, and at least 20 other gold-bearing reefs, confidently present this prospectus to the favourable consideration of the public.

It is proposed to penetrate the Border Chief hill by a tunnel from Smith's Gully, near the junction of the two branches of that gully, to a distance of about 1500 yards, in a south-westerly direction, crossing at a vast depth all the reefs and leaders between the Border Chief and the Heart of Oak claims, under which last claim the tunnel will be about 1500 feet in depth.

In consequence of the extensive character of the above undertaking, it is determined to procure a first-class rock-drill, which it is confidently believed will revolutionise the present tedious and expensive method of piercing rock.

The promoters have made application for a special area of ground, and as a large number of persons will avail themselves of the share list now presented, they have every confidence of a favourable reply from the Government. They ask 150 yards on each side of the tunnel for its whole length.

The facilities for carrying on extensive quartz crushing works at the mouth of the proposed tunnel are excellent, and as there is a probability of such works being extensive in the event of a successful prosecution of the proposed undertaking, it is of importance that attention should be directed to it.

Being aware of the great success achieved by the promoters of a scheme of a similar character at Bendigo, and also knowing that similar schemes have met with marked success at the Thames, the promoters have considerable confidence in offering the present speculation to the public. They have no hesitation in declaring it the most promising speculation that has yet appeared for acceptance by the public, whether viewed as one for individual profit or as one contributing to solve the great question of the value of quartz reefs at the greatest depths obtainable by tunnel.

The promoters do not seek any compensation excepting a refund of trifling preliminary expenses, so that all money called up will be actually expended in prosecuting the work.

The first known reef will be crossed at (say) 400 feet, being the "Border Chief," which yielded at the rate of six ounces to the ton on the top; after which other reefs may be crossed at every ten to fifty feet, as per surface indications.

The share list will remain open at Cromwell, Quartzville, and Dunedin, and applications will be proportionately allotted, without any exceptions.

A deposit of one penny per share must accompany each application, and a halfpenny must be paid on allotment, after which monthly calls of one halfpenny, (and not exceeding one penny without special resolution of shareholders,) shall be payable towards carrying on the work.

Applications to be made, enclosing deposit, to Mr BENNETT, Quartzville; W. O. BALL, Dunedin; or to the undersigned, Cromwell.

CHARLES COLCLOUGH,
Hon. Secretary.

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COLONIAL ITEMS.

The following story is told in connection with one of the gaols on the West Coast:—A certain man was arrested on a particular evening, and lodged in gaol for attempting to defraud his creditors. His examination was fixed for the following morning at eleven o'clock, and while washing in the yard, after his first night in durance vile, this would be absconder met a casual acquaintance, of whom the question was asked, "What are you in for?" "Drunkness," was the answer. "How long have you to serve?" "Three days," was the ready reply. "Then do me a favour," said the gentleman who was going to interview his creditors. "Look here, I have £20. I want to take my oath in Court I have no money, so you take these till I come back." The trust was accepted, the conscientious individual underwent his examination, made his solemn declaration, and was discharged. With eager haste he returned to his cell to obtain his cash, but his whilom fellow-prisoner had vacated the department, and his inquiries for the man elicited the following fact. "You see," said the constable, in reply to the query, "he was fined 40s. or three days in default. Well, after you went to the Court he came to the sergeant, and said, 'Here, I've been long enough in this,' and taking two ones from his boot he paid the fine, and we let him out."

Messrs Paterson and Sloan, of Pleasant Valley, have forwarded to the Museum grubs found in the cavities of a sheep's head, with the explanation that grubs like these are the cause of a disease very prevalent at present among sheep. The specimens forwarded are the larvae of the sheep bot-fly (*Oestrus ovis*). These larvae are found from October to December in the nasal cavities of sheep, and they work their way up the head. When they are ready to change they come out, fall to the ground, and go into the chrysalis state, the fully-developed fly appearing at the latter end of the summer. The sheep bot is of a dirty ash colour, with yellowish and white specks, and the tail is hairy at the end. Specimens of the same larva have also been received from the Taieri. At a late meeting of the Wellington Philosophical Society, we read that Mr Travers exhibited a bottle containing worms, found by Mr Bidwell, of the Wairarapa, in the throat and nostrils of some sheep. Mr Waterhouse informed the meeting that these worms were very injurious to sheep, often causing death, no doubt from suffocation. The worms referred to are evidently the larvae of sheep bot. This bot has been introduced into the Colony from Europe, and appears to be spreading very widely. The only check upon it is destruction by insectivorous birds. Sheep-owners will see in a matter like this a reason for supporting the Acclimatisation Society.—*Daily Times*.

The young girl, Cecilia Allan, charged at Auckland with repeated attempts to burn buildings, seems to be quite an unnatural phenomenon. The police regard her as the most dangerous girl they ever had in custody. When caught in the act of breaking down the wall of her cell with a hammer she declared she did not do it, and called heaven to witness the truth of her statement.

A singular death took place at Oamaru some days ago. One W. M'Adam, suffering from drink, went into a butcher's shop, obtaining a piece of raw meat, and thinking that this would do him good. He had not long left the shop when he dropped down dead, and medical examination proved that he had been choked by the meat.

Larceny of a novel kind is reported by the *Wangaratta Star*:—"We have received reliable information that some thieving scoundrel or scoundrels have lately been cutting off the manes and tails of the horses running at North Wangaratta and Docker's Plains, apparently to sell the hair. From eighty to a hundred horses have lately been treated in this manner."

A piece of crystallised gold, one of the rarest mineral specimens in the Dunedin Museum, was recently surreptitiously removed from a glass case by some thief.

LATE MAIL NEWS.

The continued increase of English emigration is attracting the attention of Government circles. During the present year more English than Irish have emigrated from Great Britain.

A little girl in Paris, who was playing with a toy balloon, drew in her breath while inflating it, and the collapsed balloon went down her throat and choked her to death.

The Maharajah of Scinda at first sought to have it stipulated that Nana Sahib's life should be saved, but he afterwards sur-

rendered him unconditionally to the British, who put him in irons. A brother of Nana Sahib has also been captured.

A bold attempt was made to rob a train on October 27th, on the Chicago and South-western Railroad, a branch of the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific Railroad, running from Wilton, Iowa, to Leavenworth, Kansas. While the Southward-bound express train was stopping at Cameron, Missouri, for supper, and while but two men (the baggage-master and a passenger) were on the train, six masked men boarded the train, and ran it two miles from the station. They then stopped and entered the express car, and presented pistols at the head of the baggage-master, whom they mistook for the express messenger, and demanded the key to the express safe. When they found they could not get the key, they then put the air-brakes on the cars, and threw the valve of the engine wide open, thus letting her driving-wheels slip. The robbers then escaped, and no clue to their identity, or whereabouts has thus far been obtained; but it is believed they are some of the same gang who attacked and robbed a train on main line of the Rock Island Railroad last winter. The railroad officials are doing their utmost to arrest the villains.

Princess Alice has written a novel called *Life Paths*, illustrative of life amongst the upper ten thousand, which will shortly be published.

A testimonial of silver plate, voted by the Province of Otago to Captain Jacquemart, for having rescued some shipwrecked emigrants off the New Zealand coast, was presented by Dr Featherstone to Marshall MacMahon, in the presence of the French Ministers, on the Captain's behalf, who is on foreign service.

The body of Lady Dilke, wife of Sir Charles Dilke, M.P., was conveyed from London to Dresden, and there burned, on the 10th of October. Besides relatives of deceased, numerous scientific men were present at the cremation. Seventy-five minutes after the introduction of the body, all that remained of it was 6lbs of dust.

The railway world has been astounded by the announcement of the Midland Company that after the 1st of January they will abolish second-class carriages, reduce first-class fares to one half-penny per mile, and discontinue return tickets. This resolution has provoked much adverse criticism in the interest of the exclusive classes, but the bulk of the people rejoice at the resolution. Some of the great lines had previously threatened to advance third-class fares by fast trains, by way of reprisals for the passenger duty.

Cook, the English champion, has been beaten at billiards at New York by Rudolphe.

A feat in swimming was performed lately which is believed to be without parallel in England. Mr Drinkwater, of Trinity College, Cambridge, diving into the river there, swam under water a distance of eighty-three yards, and was immersed for one minute seven seconds. Upon emerging, he appeared little the worse for the exertion.

Some interesting discoveries of relics have lately been made at Pompeii. A shop supposed to be a tanners', has been excavated, and a number of tools used in the manipulation of leather found. These tools bear a strong resemblance to those used in the present day.

Terrible Fire at Massachusetts.

The correspondent of the *Southern Cross* writes:—"On the morning of Saturday, 16th September, at seven o'clock, there broke out in the cotton factory known as Granite Mill No. 1, at Fall River, Mass., a fire, which proved as disastrous to life and property as any that the loss of a single structure has ever inflicted on the community. At this writing it is estimated there were forty persons killed outright, and eighty injured. In the building, which was six storeys high, 368 feet long, and 68 feet wide, there were employed over 700 people, of whom by far the larger proportion were women and young girls. The fire began in the fifth storey, near the north end of the building. It was caused by friction in a 'mule' head, and if proper means had been immediately taken, it could have been extinguished in a few minutes, and there would have been no need of striking an alarm. The whole north end of the room was soon one sheet of flame, which spread with fearful rapidity to the south end. It then burned through the floor into the attic, and became wholly unmanageable. The Superintendent of the mill, Mr McCreery, was the first to discover the fire, and he says that he immediately struck the fire alarm, in order to warn all of their danger, and of the immediate necessity of at once escaping from the rooms. By this timely warning sixty girls were saved from the weav-

ing-room, nine being lost in that department. The greatest loss of life was from the attic, the 'spooling-room,' where forty-four girls and seven men were employed, and the only means of egress were the fire escape and the stairway—the latter was choked with smoke and flame, and the former could only be reached by means of skylight ladders, which were not in place, of course. On the discovery of this a terrible panic ensued. Some descended on ropes; others jumped to the ground, a distance of 60ft., and were dashed to pieces at the very feet of their friends and dearest relatives; and still others cried and gesticulated from the attic windows, vainly imploring aid that never came. Young girls were burned to death before the eyes of their fathers and mothers. The roof and flooring of the attic and fifth storey soon fell in, carrying with them a portion of the side walls, by which many persons were crushed and killed. One of the worst features of the affair is said to have been the carelessness or mismanagement of the striking of the alarm at the engine-house. One signal after another came for different sections of the city, and the firemen did not know where to go to. Consequently fifteen precious minutes were lost before a stream of water was brought to bear on the burning building. Then the movements of the firemen were interfered with by the panic-stricken people in the mill-yard and street. One ladder 30ft. long is said to have been placed against the building wrong end up, and before a splice could be made it had to be taken down and put up again. Even then it did not reach the attic window by about 10ft., and might as well have been stowed away in the house or hook and ladder truck. Four firemen were injured by having people fall or jump on them from above. One large woman who leaped from one of the upper windows fell upon an upraised ladder, breaking four rounds of it. She was dashed to pieces on the pavement below, her brains bespattering the sidewalks and the spectators. Every calamity has a hero; John M. B. Boosworth, a common sailor, was the man who so distinguished himself in this instance that his name should be printed in letters of gold. He was passing along the street when the fire broke out, and recognising the necessity at once for prompt action, procured a rope and mounted to the top of the building. Once there, he made it fast, and induced a woman to cling around his neck, while he lowered himself to the ground. He also saved a lad in like manner as he rescued the woman, and was instrumental in recovering dead and dying persons from the flames.

Fashionable.

The following description of a toilette worn at a ball—a "pirootin," as the Arkansas man calls it—at Sandy Run, Wyoming Territory, which was attended by the "e-lite" of that place, and towns round, is not half bad:—

"Miss —, from Wilder's Gulch, was elegantly attired in a handsome buff gros-grained buckskin dress with army-blanket overskirt, bottom looped up with buckskin strings cut bias, hair dressed à la Red Cloud, in which was twined a few sprigs of sage brush, the whole secured behind in a bunch with a handsome pin made with a pine-splinter, and a buffalo's ear. She wore an elegant mountain-catskin cap, fastened with antelope tails, secured under the chin with a rattlesnake's skin. Her feet were encased in buckskin moccasins, ornamented with beads and soldier buttons.

"She created a big sensation as she entered the hall, hanging upon the arm of Mr H. Barton, of Hallville, who was dressed in the style of his locality—buckskin breeches in boots, hunting-shirt of the same, ornamented with beads and tobacco-juice, an army belt of the latest pattern around his waist, securing a pair of six-shooters and a bowie-knife, which set off his gallant figure to good advantage.

"Envious glances from both sexes followed this handsome couple round the hall. Several ladies and gentlemen from the mining districts were present, and expressed themselves well pleased with the manner in which the party was conducted. Their frequent exclamations of delight, such as 'Red hot, von bet!' 'Ain't it fruit, though?' 'Hoop la!' &c., plainly indicated that they were enjoying themselves in the best possible manner."

A man walks three miles per hour; a horse trots seven; a horse runs twenty; slow rivers flow four; rapid rivers seven; a moderate wind blows seven; a storm moves thirty-six; a hurricane moves eighty; a rifle ball moves one thousand; sound moves seven hundred and forty-three; light moves one hundred and ninety-two millions; and electricity moves two hundred and eighty-eight million miles.

A Colonial Actor in London.

A Colonial talent (says the *New Zealand Herald*) has ever been appreciated on the English stage. The latest "sensation" in London is provided in the person of a young actor, who a dozen years ago was only an unknown boy in Dunedin and Christchurch, and who then joined Johnny Hall's theatre in Christchurch, to enact juvenile parts. Of this same young gentleman (well known in Auckland as "Johnny Morris," and a son of Mrs Marks, who recently left Auckland for London) we now read in the *London Times* the following notice, in the course of a criticism on the appearance of several new faces at the Charing Cross Theatre, "whose doings we may venture to assert will become, ere long, the talk of the town. The first of these is Mr John Morris, surnamed Proteus; and when we have hinted at what he effects we trust our readers will not imagine we are taxing their credulity too heavily. Mr Morris is introduced in the 'Gilded Halls of Many Nuptials,' the scene which closes the first part. He comes before us in evening dress, and promises to bring to life some of the guests of the fourteenth wedding of the cerulean tyrant. His manner is altogether unassuming, and we can discover nothing extraordinary in his appearance. As he quietly addresses the audience we notice that suddenly the private, evening dress has disappeared, and before our astonished gaze stands a lieutenant in uniform. But we shall open our eyes still wider with astonishment presently. Hey! presto! The uniform is gone, and we sit astounded as we look upon a grey-headed and decrepit veteran in knee-breeches hobbling across the stage by the aid of a stick. This is the 'oldest inhabitant,' and, having amused us with a song, he too takes his leave, or rather, by the aid of some 'mighty magic,' is transformed into a strong-minded woman with a mission—the said mission being the suppression of man. How this revolution in the sexes is accomplished we shall not attempt to explain. It would puzzle even the Philadelphia lawyer so often quoted as an example of 'cuteness.' Susan B. Anthony's attire is complete even to her boots. But lo! another change, and we make the acquaintance of Miss Buttercup, a lively specimen of a 'girl of the period.' She sings of 'Tassels on her Boots,' and the tassels appear ere we can utter the name of the famous Jack Robinson. Miss Buttercup makes way for Molly O'Flaherty, in humble attire, and Molly, with far greater speed than Cinderella could ever boast of, blossoms into Fanny Fanciful, in full 'rig' for a ball; the toilet being as complete as it is elegant. The whole of these changes are accomplished in presence of the audience, Mr Morris never leaving the stage, and being altogether independent of anything in the shape of a screen and of assistance of any kind, and we leave to the knowing ones the task of finding out how it's done. The performer was enthusiastically applauded, and at the end of the first part had a well-merited call to the footlights."

Patience and "Pie."

Horace Greeley used to affirm that newspaper men were the most patient people, as a class, on the earth, and he was not far from right, though there are times when patience ceases to be a virtue with the most enduring. Nearly everybody in the western part of the State knows Burr, who used to start a newspaper about once a month the year round, generally bringing them out in Grand Rapids, but sometimes making a flying trip to other points. Burr could stand to be told that he lied about his circulation, was on the fence as a politician, and that he did not know anything about publishing a newspaper; and, when men threatened to sue or thrash him, he only smiled a sad smile and wished that mankind wouldn't get excited. During a religious revival in Grand Rapids, Burr was converted, and it frequently happened that religious people called at his office to talk with him. One day a minister came in; and after talking a while he proposed prayer. He was in the act of kneeling when his foot struck one of the outside forms, which was leaning against a leg of the stone, ready to be lifted up, and over it went, making half a bushel of "pie." Burr looked at the ruin wrought, thought of the two weeks overwork, and commenced taking off his coat, saying: "I'm trying to be a Christian and set a good example, but rat my buttons if I can't lick you in two minutes!" The clergyman backed downstairs in no time, dodging the lyebush on the way, and Burr backslid at once, and sent down for a pint of stimulant.

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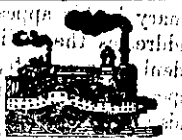
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